WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1. <u>(First Amendment)</u> A method of processing <u>a fresh whole garlic clove</u> to remove the characteristic odor after it has been ingested, comprising the steps of:
 - a) providing <u>a fresh whole garlic clove</u> containing a multitude of micrograins enclosing the aromatic oils of garlic;
 - b) saturating the garlic <u>clove</u> in a water-based fluid;
 - c) freezing the saturated garlic.
- 2. <u>(First Amendment)</u> The method of Claim 1, further comprising thawing the frozen garlic clove.
- 3. (*First Amended*) The method of Claim 1, wherein said water-based liquid is selected from the group consisting of:
 - a) pure boiled water;
 - b) boiled water and vinegar;
 - c) boiled water and lemon juice; and
 - d) lemon juice in natural concentration.
- 4. <u>(First Amendment)</u> The method of Claim 1, further comprising adding one (1) or more edible salts to the water-based fluid prior to said freezing step;
- 5. <u>(First Amendment)</u> The method of Claim 1, wherein said freezing step is accomplished by subjecting the saturated garlic <u>clove</u> to an ambient temperature of between 0°C and -60°C;
- 6. <u>(First Amendment)</u> The method of Claim 1, wherein said <u>freezerfreezing</u> step is accomplished by submitting the saturated garlic <u>clove</u> to an ambient temperature of lower than 0°C;
- 7. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said saturation step is performed at approximately 0°C;
- 8. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said saturation step is performed at least partially in a vacuum.
- 9. (New) The method of Claim 1, further comprising peeling said garlic clove prior to said saturating step;
- 10. (New) The method of Claim 1, further comprising peeling said garlic clove prior to said freezing step;
- 11. (New) A method of processing a fresh whole garlic clove to remove the characteristic odor after it is ingested, consisting essentially of the steps of:

- a) providing a fresh whole garlic clove containing a multitude of micrograins enclosing the aromatic oils of garlic;
- b) saturating the garlic clove in a water-based fluid;
- c) freezing the saturated garlic; and
- d) thawing the frozen garlic clove.